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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.:	10/087,224	§	Examiner:	Christensen, Scott B
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Title:	System and Method for	§		
	State Data Back-up in a	§		
	Distributed Data System	§		
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION**

**Mail Stop RCE**  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is an amendment submission accompanying the request for continued examination filed herewith; and further highlights why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.